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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices at the Liverpool auction Wednesday, December 10, were slightly above those paid last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Boxed apple prices were about the same as last week. Compared with prices paid at this time last year, barrels are selling at higher prices, boxes at lower. This is due to the difference in size of the barreled and boxed apple crops as compared with last year. The total supplies of American barreled apples were moderate, but of the individual varieties offered only Yorks were in moderate supply. The remainder of the barreled list were in light to very light supply. Inquiry was generally good for all barreled apples. Boxed apple supplies were light and met with a slower demand than last week. The condition of the fruit was good, with the exception of boxed Jonathans which were in variable condition.

Pear prices at both Liverpool and London were lower than last week. Supplies were moderate at both markets with demand slower than last week. The condition of the fruit was good. Prices are on about the same levels as this time last year.

At London prices were little changed from last week. The London barreled apple prices compared favorably with those ruling at Liverpool, but prices paid for boxed apples were somewhat lower. Supplies of barreled apples were light, boxes moderate. Inquiry was good for barreled but only fair for boxed stock. The condition of the fruit was good.

About two-thirds of the total shipments of North American apples during the past five weeks have been consigned to the Continent, reports Mr. Motz. Of the 1,300,000 boxes on shipboard bound for Europe, approximately this same proportion will go to the Continent. Pear shipments show a slight seasonal decline. Shipments of peaches, apricots and plums are on their way to the United Kingdom from South Africa; some are due next week. Spanish orange shipments from Valencia have been delayed by storms but the crop is reported as undamaged. Supplies of Spanish oranges are expected to be much shorter for the holidays this year than last. The Tasmanian apple crop is reported to be around 2,500,000 boxes, or about the same as last year. The Tasmanian crop amounts to roughly 65 per cent of the Australian apple exports. Shipments from this source usually start arriving in the United Kingdom about April 1.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin		Liverpool		London	
		1929	1930	1930	1930
		Dec. 11	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 10
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperials, Va.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum:		4.87-5.11:	-	5.84-6.33:	5.84-6.33
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum:		5.84-6.45:	6.81-7.30:	6.81-7.30:	6.81-7.30
U.S.Commercial 2 inch min.:		-	6.08-6.33:	5.60-6.08:	5.84-6.33
U.S.Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min:		5.84-6.33:	6.57-7.06:	6.08-6.57:	6.33-6.81
Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.:		4.38-4.87:	5.60-6.08:	6.81	-
Ben Davis, Va.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum:		-	-	6.08-6.33:	5.35-5.84
Winesaps, Va.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum:		-	6.69	6.08-6.57:	6.08-6.33
Unclassified, 2 inch min.:		-	-	5.60	5.35-5.84
Stayman, Va.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum:		-	4.87	5.84-6.33:	-
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum:		-	6.33	6.57-7.06:	-
Romes, Va.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum:		6.20-6.69:	-	6.81	-
Baldwin, Mass.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum ...:		-	5.96-6.08:	7.30	-
Rhode Island Greenings, N.Y.:					
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.:		-	6.81	6.81-6.93:	-
<u>BASKETS</u>					
Rhode Island Greenings, N.Y.:					
U.S.No. 1.....:		-	2.31	1.95-2.13:	-
<u>BOXES</u>					
Jonathans, Washington:					
Fancy, 150/175		-	2.25-2.43:	2.43	-
C. Grade, 150/175		-	a/ 2.19	2.25	
Winesap, Washington:					
Extra Fancy, 150/175		2.92-3.41:	-	2.68	2.37-2.55
Fancy, 188/smaller		-	-	2.43	2.07-2.19
Romes, Washington:					
Extra Fancy, 150/175		2.68	-	2.43-2.68:	-
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller..:		2.55	-	2.31-2.49:	-
Newtown, Oregon:					
Extra Fancy, 150/175		-	-	2.80-3.10:	-
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller..:		-	-	2.68-2.80:	2.49-2.74
Fancy, 188/smaller		-	-	2.55-2.68:	2.49-2.62
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES</u>				
Comice, Ore., Extra Fancy ..:		3.41-4.14:	4.14-4.38:	3.41-4.14:	-
Anjou, Ore., Extra Fancy:		-	3.28-3.65:	3.16-3.28:	-
Winter Nelis, Washington:					
Extra Fancy		3.41	3.04-3.28:	2.80-3.10:	2.55-2.68
Bosc, Oregon, Fancy		-	2.80-2.86:	2.25-2.55:	-
Anjou Oregon, Fancy		-	3.41-3.47:	3.04-3.28:	3.04-3.16
Winter Nelis, Wash., Fancy ..:		-	-	2.25-2.31:	2.43-2.62
Bartlett, California, Tins:		-	3.35-3.65:	3.16-3.28:	-
<u>BASKETS</u>					
Kieffer, New York		-	2.68	2.19-2.43:	2.55-2.62
<u>BARRELS</u>					
Kieffer, New York		-	6.81-8.15:	6.33-7.30:	6.08

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Variable condition